

## Office of Personnel Management

## § 532.201

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### Subpart A—General Provisions

#### § 532.101 Scope.

This part provides common policies, systems, and practices for uniform application by all agencies subject to section 5342 of title 5, United States Code, in fixing pay for prevailing rate employees as nearly as is consistent with the public interest in accordance with prevailing rates.

#### § 532.103 Coverage.

The provisions of this part shall apply to prevailing rate employees and agencies covered by section 5342 of title 5, United States Code.

#### § 532.105 Pay-fixing authority.

The head of each agency shall authorize application of the rates established by the lead agency or the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to prevailing rate employees within the appropriate wage area, in accordance with the provisions of this part.

### Subpart B—Prevailing Rate Determinations

#### § 532.201 Definitions.

For the purposes of this part:

*Full-scale survey* means a survey conducted at least every 2 years in which data are collected from a current sampling of establishments in the private sector by personal visit of data collectors.

*Host activity* is the local Federal activity designated by the lead agency to obtain employment statistics from other Federal activities in the wage area and to provide support facilities and clerical assistance for the wage survey.

*Lead agency* means the agency designated by the Office of Personnel Management to plan and conduct wage surveys, analyze wage survey data, and determine and issue required wage schedules for a wage area.

*Survey area* means that part of the wage area where the private enterprise